

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2014**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Ben Tucker, Elaine Kemp, Kevin Robbins, and Paul Pierce. Council Members absent: Council Member Willie Vaden. Staff present: City Manager, Jim Gray, and City Secretary Kimberly Drysdale. There were approximately 12 guests.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Presentations from the Audience**

There were no presentations from the Audience.

**5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with Ingleside Independent School District of July 21, 2014 and the Regular City Council Meeting of July 22, 2014.**

Council Member Pierce amended the minutes to correct the spelling of Sarah Benton's name on agenda item # 5 of the July 22, 2014 minutes.

Council Member Kemp made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with Ingleside Independent School District of July 21, 2014 and the Regular City Council Meeting of July 22, 2014 with the amendment noted above; and was seconded by Council member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6. Public Hearings on the following:**

- A) **Designation of Ingleside Reinvestment Zone 2014-1, the zone being the approximately 1000 acres of land, including the former Naval Station Ingleside land and adjacent land, lying South of Hwy 1069 and being within the Ingleside city limits; and**
- B) **A proposed tax abatement agreement by and between the City and Occidental Petroleum Corporation or a related company concerning the 1000 acres of land, including the former Naval Station Ingleside land and adjacent land, lying South of Hwy 1069, all being within Ingleside City limits, and being the same land as is proposed for designation as Ingleside Reinvestment Zone 2014-1.**

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearings at 6:37 p.m.

There were no speakers for or against these items.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearings and reopened the Regular Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

7. **The Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to “Consult with Attorney” and Section 551.087 “Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations” regarding the following items:**
- A) Consideration and Action regarding an Ordinance designating as Ingleside Reinvestment Zone 2014-1, under Chapter 312 Texas Tax Code certain land owned by Occidental Petroleum Corporation or a related company, consisting of about 1000 acres, including the former Naval Station Ingleside Land and adjacent land, lying south of Hwy 1069, and all being within Ingleside city limits. (Final Reading)**
  - B) Consideration and action of a Resolution approving a tax abatement agreement by and between the City and Occidental Petroleum Corporation or a related company concerning a portion of the 1000 acres constituting Ingleside Reinvestment Zone 2014-1.**
  - C) Consideration and action of the granting, by the City of Ingleside, to Oxy Ingleside Energy Center, LLC, for a pipeline easement agreement in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue B.**
  - D) The lawsuit against the City of Ingleside made by Patricia Arnold, Laura McLaughlin, William Priday, and Kevin Robbins involving re-zoning ordinances numbered 1087, 1089, 1090, and 1091.**
  - E) The City of Ingleside vs. the City of Corpus Christi boundary lawsuit.**

Mayor Perkins recessed the Regular meeting to go into Closed Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Perkins closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Council Member Pierce did not attend the portion that discussed the City of Ingleside vs. the City of Corpus Christi boundary lawsuit; nor did Council Member Robbins attend the portion that discussed the lawsuit against the City of Ingleside made by Patricia Arnold, Laura McLaughlin, William Priday, and Kevin Robbins involving re-zoning ordinances numbered 1087, 1089, 1090, and 1091.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to approve Ordinance # 1112 designating as Ingleside Reinvestment Zone 2014-1, under Chapter 312 Texas Tax Code certain land owned by Occidental Petroleum Corporation or a related company, consisting of about 1000 acres, including the former Naval Station Ingleside Land and adjacent land, lying south of Hwy 1069, and all being within Ingleside city limits; and was seconded by Council Member Kemp. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Pierce voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

Council Member Kemp made a motion to approve Resolution # 1092 approving a tax abatement agreement by and between the City and Occidental Petroleum Corporation or a related company concerning a portion of the 1000 acres constituting Ingleside Reinvestment Zone 2014-1; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Pierce voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

Council Member Kemp made a motion authorizing the granting, by the City of Ingleside, to Oxy Ingleside Energy Center, LLC, for a pipeline easement agreement in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue B; and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Pierce voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

**Mayor Perkins recessed the Regular Meeting for a short break at 7:50 p.m.**

**Mayor Perkins reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:56 p.m.**

- 8. Consideration and action of an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas amending Chapter 78, Article I, by amending Section 78-3 Definitions; and Article II, Division 4 by adding Section 78-72 thereto; allowing for Application for Communication/Cell Towers by Special Permit Only; and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. (First Reading) (no action was taken 7/22/14)**

Building Official John Davis stated upon additional review by the City Attorney, the Ordinance was reduced and reworded. There are exemptions for government towers; however, they are still required to have a secure fall radius and similar state mandated guidelines they must follow.

Council Member Pierce requested that future changes provide the tracking of changes within the document.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to pass to a second reading an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas amending Chapter 78, Article I, by amending Section 78-3 Definitions; and Article II, Division 4 by adding Section 78-72 thereto; allowing for Application for Communication/Cell Towers by Special Permit Only; and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 9. Consideration and action of an Ordinance amending Chapter 70 Vegetation Article II trees, Division 5 – Maintenance of the Ingleside Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 70-86 Obstruction; Trees Pruned, in an attempt to give clarity of requirements and specific height requirement of trees above streets, right-of-ways, and sidewalks for citizens and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. (Final Reading)**

Council Member Kemp made a motion to approve Ordinance # 1113 amending Chapter 70 Vegetation Article II trees, Division 5 – Maintenance of the Ingleside Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 70-86 Obstruction; Trees Pruned, in an attempt to give clarity of requirements and specific height requirement of trees above streets, right-of-ways, and sidewalks for citizens and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 10. Consideration and action of an Ordinance amending the City's Traffic Control Device Schedule in order to add and remove certain School Zone Signs throughout the City Limits. (First Reading)**

City Manager Jim Gray explained this is a result of the School District's request during the joint meeting of July 21, 2014. Since that time, Superintendent Troy Mircovich provided us with a map of the changes he and his staff are requesting.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to pass to a second reading of an Ordinance amending the City's Traffic Control Device Schedule in order to add and remove certain School Zone Signs throughout the City Limits; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

**11. Receive the Departmental Reports for the month of July 2014.**

Council Member Kemp noted that as a member of the Beautification Committee, she wanted it known that she was against the removal/replacement of the landscaping as well as the trimming of the crepe myrtles during the heat of the summer.

**12. Presentation and discussion and direction from Council to Staff regarding the proposed budget and the proposed tax rate for FY 2014/2015.**

City Manager Jim Gray reminded the Council that at the last Meeting a vote was recorded for a maximum tax rate of \$0.625/\$100 valuation. The effective tax rate is actually \$0.6345. Additional staff added to the budget are: 2 Full Time Patrol Officers, 1 Full Time and 1 Part Time Parks Department staff, and 1 Part Time Library Clerk. The previous Full Time shared employee between Library/IT will now be a Full Time IT staff member.

Council Member Pierce questioned if the increase in the Police Departments budget was all salary, benefits, or what. After reviewing the differences in the listings, it was noted that the staff would look into the personnel and other areas to confirm.

Council Member Kemp requested that when the Chamber of Commerce presents their request for funds that they include a summary page that includes the name of each event, the amount of funds spend from hotel/motel, the amount of funds spend from chamber funds, the event gross and net figures. She would also like to see a summary of what projects they plan to spend the requested funds on in the coming year.

Council Member Tucker questioned why there was a decrease in the Code Enforcement Department and Mr. Gray explained that all departments were cut a certain degree in order to provide a zero budget; however, it was noted that budget amendments could be done during the budget year.

Mr. Gray stated he and the Finance Director, Rosie Vela are willing to meet with the Council Members after hours to accommodate their schedules in order to discuss the budget.

**13. The City Council of the City of Ingleside may hold a closed executive session for the purpose of evaluating the achievement of the FY 2013/2014 Management Goals and the associated salary of City Manager, Jim Gray pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Texas Government Code.**

Mayor Perkins recessed the Regular meeting to go into Closed Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Perkins closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

**14. Consideration and action regarding the setting of Management Goals for the FY 2014/2015 and the salary for City Manager, Jim Gray.**

Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve the same Management Goals for FY 2014/2015 with the exclusion of the Water Tank and to provide a 5% wage increase to City Manager Jim Gray; and was seconded by Council Member Kemp. The motion was approved unanimously. Goals will be as follows:

- 1) Continue fiscal responsibility with the budget to keep the city moving forward;
- 2) Continue to respond to Economic Development contacts with the Governor's Office and other local entities;
- 3) Without delay inform Council Members of important occurrences that transpire within Ingleside and the Region;
- 4) Create a comprehensive sanitary sewer inspection program;
- 5) Continue with SH-200 program and find funding sources to complete the design and construction specifications;
- 6) Build a Parks and Facility Utilization Plan and proposed budget for that program; and
- 7) Explore possible dome structure buildings for a new City Hall/Community Center building from FEMA or other sources

**15. Staff Reports**

City Secretary Kimberly Drysdale gave an update of the following upcoming events:

- August 28, 2014 TML Region 11 Quarterly Meeting in Fulton
- September 19, 2014 Habitat for Humanity's Annual event
- September 27, 2014 Ingleside Chamber Annual event
- October 23, 2014 SPEDC Annual event

**16. Requests from Council Members**

Council Member Kemp questioned why a handout of the traffic volumes near State Hwy 361 and Avenue A were at their stations this evening and City Manager Jim Gray explained they are the results of previous traffic counts requested by Council.

Council Member Tucker stated he has been approached by a citizen regarding whether the city will allow golf carts on city streets. Mr. Gray stated if the Council wants him to bring this forward, he will; however, he advises against it. It is a useful form of transportation in a tourist thick area such as Port Aransas and Rockport; however, Ingleside is not a tourist town and he does not recommend it.

**17. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Kimberly Drysdale, City Secretary

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Mayor Pete Perkins